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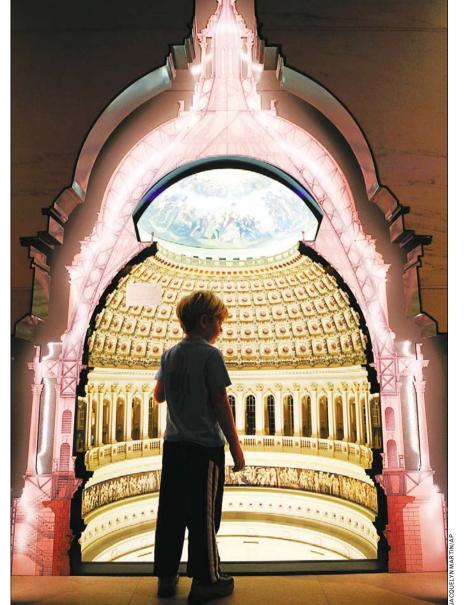


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Capitol Visitor Center Opens, Finally

FIRST LOOK: Matthew Wodatch, 5, looks at a cutaway exhibit at the Capitol Visitor Center, which opened to the public on Tuesday. House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif., spoke during a ceremony dedicating the center, which was completed three years late and \$360 million over budget -the final cost was \$621 million. + A grand opening: Center's exhibits look impressive | Page 26

Ailing GM Eyes \$18B From U.S.

Chastened auto execs pledge concessions for huge bailout

WASHINGTON | Humbled and fighting for survival, Detroit's once-mighty automakers appealed to Congress with a retooled case for a huge bailout Tuesday, pledging to slash workers, car lines and executive pay in return for a federal lifeline. GM said it wouldn't last till New Year's without an immediate \$4 billion and could drag the entire industry down if it fails.

General Motors Corp., asking for as much as \$18 billion to keep afloat and survive even worse economic storms, painted the direst portrait to date of what could happen if Congress doesn't quickly



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step in. "There isn't a Plan B," said Chief Operating Officer Fritz Henderson.

Democratic leaders have said they might call Congress back next week to pass an auto bailout — but only if the carmakers show they have plans to stay viable with the help.

Ford CEO Alan Mulally, GM CEO Rick Wagoner and Chrysler chief Bob Nardelli all planned to road-trip to Washington in fuelefficient hybrid cars for hearings on Thursday and Friday. Mulally and Wagoner both said they'd work for \$1 per year if their firms took any government loan money.

Ford, in far better shape than GM and Chrysler, asked for a \$9 billion "standby line of credit" to stabilize its business but said it didn't expect to tap the funds unless one of Detroit's other Big Three went bust. (AP)



DO YOU THINK THE SLUMPING REDSKINS SHOULD BENCH QUARTERBACK JASON CAMPBELL? (1) YES (1) NO







eye Openers

ASSAULT

Popular Musical or Dangerous Weapon?

Police are looking for a woman who used what's believed to have been hair spray as a weapon in a botched purse-snatching in a Wal-Mart parking lot in Topeka, Kan. Police said the would-be thief on Saturday night first asked a 25-year-old shopper for directions, then sprayed the woman in the eyes as she tried to take her purse from her shoulder. But the shopper held onto the purse, and the woman fled emptyhanded to a maroon minivan parked nearby. The victim suffered minor injuries to her face. Let us hope this doesn't become a trend: All that aerosol is bad for the

environment. (AP/EXPRESS)

CLERICAL ERRORS

When Winners Lose

A casino gambled and lost—big time.

Now it's asking thousands of customers to give it a break. Hollywood Casino at Penn National Race Course set out to do something nice for its best customers, rewarding 1,000 of them with free slot-machine playing credits. But instead of the elite 1,000, the promotion was sent to 55,000 people. If

tion was sent to 55,000 people. If
they all claim the reward, the
casino could be on the hook for
\$29 million. Hollywood Casino
executives decided Monday to
partially honor the offer — cutting down the number of free
credits and food vouchers —
after frantically calling tens of
thousands of customers during
the weekend. Some customers
already have begun trying to take
advantage of the offer that took
effect Monday. (AP)



SCIENC

Eyes Up Here, Buddy

Andrew Ketterer, left, faces a mannequin in a body-swap illusion test, a method that allows people to experience the illusion that either a mannequin or another person's body is his or her own body. In a new study, neuroscientists at Stockholm's Karolinska Institute show how they got volunteers wearing virtual reality goggles to experience the illusion. (AP)

CRIME

Hidden Clauses

A woman was facing misdemeanor theft charges for allegedly swiping Christmas decorations from her neighbors' lawns. The county sheriff's office said a 51-year-old woman was found Monday in her Manchester, Md., home with decorations from at least three local homes. Authorities said the investigation began after a woman reported a loud noise and discovered her 4-foottall Santa and snowman had been taken from her yard. After deputies went to her home, another neighbor who was walking her dog reported that she, too, had been targeted. (AP)

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NAKED TRUTH: A 26-year-old man in Salt Lake City, Utah, allegedly stripped down and streaked near his house to prove to his girlfriend he wasn't going to use methamphetamine anymore, court records say. He is being charged with two misdemeanors.

Nation

More Rest Is Urged for Young Docs

Institute says trainees need 5-hour naps on 30-hour work shifts

WASHINGTON | Doctors-in-training are still too exhausted, says a new report that calls on hospitals to let them have a nap. Regulations that capped the working hours of bleary-

eyed young doctors
came just five years
ago, limiting them
to about 80 hours
a week.
On Tuesday, the
prestigious Insti-

before getting a
nap, according to
the Institute.

working the maximum 30-hour

working the maximum 30-hour shift should get an uninterrupted five-hour break for sleep.

At issue is how to balance patient safety with the education of roughly 100,000 medical residents, doctors fresh out of school. The long hours are in some ways a badge of the profession; doctors can't simply clock out if a patient is in danger.

But sleep deprivation fogs the brain, a problem that can lead to serious mistakes. In 2003, the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education issued the first caps. Before then, residents could average 110 hours a week. (AP)

to the next level.

Obama Reaches Out to Governors

President-elect vows to work with leaders to revitalize economy

PHILADELPHIA | President-elect Barack Obama promised swift action Tuesday on an economic plan "to solve this crisis and to ease the burden on our states," and he cast governors as his partners in crafting a recession-rebound strategy.

"This administration does not intend to delay in getting you the help that we need," Obama said as he met with the chief executives of most states and sought to rally bipartisan support for an economic stimulus.

The president-elect has set a goal of saving or creating 2.5 million jobs to boost the economy, which experts say has been in recession for the past year. His aides and



President-elect Barack Obama shakes hands with Kentucky Gov. Steve Beshear as he arrives at the National Governors Association meeting Tuesday in Philadelphia.

congressional leaders have been discussing the outlines of a measure that could exceed \$500 billion over two years.

Obama and Vice President-elect Joe Biden spoke to the bipartisan group of governors at historic Congress Hall. Republican and Democratic governors, nearly all of whom are struggling with budget deficits because of the recession, sat at desks in the hall, with no separation by party. They included former and possibly future political rivals, such as GOP Govs. Bobby Jindal of Louisiana and Sarah Palin of Alaska.

Obama called the meeting the start of a partnership, and said he will go beyond asking governors to implement the economic plan that will include tax cuts for "hardpressed middle class families" and increased federal spending.

"We are not going to be hampered by ideology in trying to get this country back on track. We want to figure out what works," Obama added, drawing applause that started with Mississippi Gov. Haley Barbour, a former GOP national chairman. LIZ SIDOTI (AP)

Shackled Teen Escapes to Calif. Gym

Nearly naked boy, 17, says couple held him captive for about a year

SAN FRANCISCO | A husband and wife were arrested after an emaciated, terrified and nearly naked 17-year-old showed up at a gym with a chain locked to his ankle, saying he had just fled his captors, authorities said Tuesday.

Police were also seeking the boy's



Layne Lau



Schumache

aunt and had an outstanding felony warrant against her for an earlier alleged assault against the teen.

The boy came into a fitness cen-

ter Monday wearing only boxer briefs and covered in what appeared to be soot, said Chuck Ellis, a manager of the In-Shape Sports Club. The teen was scared someone was going to come after him and asked to be hidden, Ellis said.

"He said, 'Don't let them get me; don't let them get me," Ellis said. "He was totally terrified."

The boy said he had been held captive for nearly a year, said Ellis, adding that he looked as if he was only 10 to 12 years old.

Police arrested Kelly Layne Lau, 30, and Michael Schumacher, 34, late Monday after questioning the couple, Tracy police spokesman Matt Robinson said.

They were booked on charges of torture, kidnapping and child abuse, and were set to appear in court Thursday, according to online jail records.

Police still were seeking Caren Ramirez, 43, the boy's aunt, on suspicion of participating in the alleged abuse, Robinson said.

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The percentage of Americans who approve of the way President-elect Barack Obama is handling the transition to his administration, according to a new poll from Gallup.

Nixon Aides Dished the Dirt

Newly released memos show president's staff helped discredit critics

WASHINGTON | In Richard Nixon's time, all the president's men fretted about threats on every front: disquiet out on the streets, disloyalty inside the administration and trouble from political opponents who had to be discredited

Documents released Tuesday show Nixon's operatives dishing dirt on the president's critics and public figures, including their marital, mental and drinking problems, and struggling to contain public unrest over the war in Vietnam.

Alabama Gov. George Wallace was branded a "psychotic" who could be useful in making trouble for his fellow Democrats. Thomas Eagleton's treatments for mental illness were reported to Nixon's secretary before that disclosure forced him to resign from the 1972 Democratic ticket.



Archivist Meghan Lee looks at boxes containing President Nixon's papers.

The Nixon Library, run by the National Archives, opened nearly 200 hours of White House tape recordings and 90,000 pages of documents in its latest release of material from his administration.

The records show that Nixon kept an exceptionally close eye on anti-war and civil rights protests, even the most benign.

Even as he campaigned toward a landslide re-election in 1972, Nixon felt besieged on multiple fronts.

In an August 1972 memo to his chief counsel, Charles Colson, he complained that New York business and financial writers were in the bag for Democratic opponent George McGovern "and are trying to do us in."

That attitude permeated his staff, the documents suggest, as aides looked for ways to take on unfriendly organizations and people. White House staff assistant John R. Brown III appealed in one memo for "a coordinated Congressional and columnist attack on the question of the Urban Coalition's tax exempt status."

Even the government's statistician did not escape political scrutiny. The knock against him, as related by a December 1971 memo from Colson, was that he stuck to numbers, "applies little imagination to the statistics" and is "a very poor advocate for our point of view." CALVIN WOODWARD (AP)

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Nation



SOMETHING AMISS: The Nevada Highway Patrol says a drunken-driving suspect in Reno was gassed in more ways than one. A 40-year-old woman was arrested early Tuesday after an ambulance crew saw her driving on a highway with a fuel hose and nozzle sticking out of her gas tank.

GAO: Bailout Oversight Inadequate

Auditors say there isn't a system for tracking how the funds are spent

WASHINGTON | The government must toughen its monitoring of the \$700 billion financial bailout to ensure that banking institutions limit their top executives' pay and comply with other restrictions, fed-

eral auditors said Tuesday in the first comprehensive review of the rescue package.

The Treasury Department has no mechanism in place to track how institutions are using \$150 billion in taxpayer money that the government injected into the banking system as of last month, the Government Accountability Office said in its report to Congress.



Neel Kashkari says the Office of Financial Stability will oversee the bailouts.

The auditors acknowledged the program, created to help stabilize a faltering banking system, was less than 60 days old and has been adjusting to an evolving mission.

But the 72-page report was bound to feed congressional concern that banks and other institutions are not being properly monitored.

In a response to the GAO, Neel

Kashkari, who heads the department's Office of Financial Stability, said the agency was developing its own compliance program and indicated that it disagreed with the need to work with regulators.

So far, the government has pledged to pour \$250 billion into the nation's banks in return for partial ownership. It also has agreed to provide \$40 billion to the troubled insurer American International Group. Another \$20 billion of the money was invested in Citigroup. (AP)

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KEYBOARD DIPLOMACY: Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice performed in a piano quintet Monday night in London for Queen Elizabeth II. Rice played Brahms' Op. 34 with British Foreign Secretary David Miliband's wife, Louise, and three members of the London Symphony Orchestra.

World

Report: U.S. Warned India of Attack

Official says gunmen traveled by boat from Pakistan to Mumbai

MUMBAI, INDIA | The gunmen who attacked Mumbai set out by boat from the Pakistani port of Karachi, then later hijacked an Indian fishing trawler that carried them toward this financial capital on their suicide mission, a top police official said Tuesday.

links to Pakistan mounted, Mumbai police commissioner Hasan Ghafoor said ex-Pakistani army officers trained the group — some for up to 18 months — and denied reports the men had been planning to escape the city.

"It appears that it was a suicide attack," Ghafoor said, providing no other details about when the gunmen left Karachi, or when they hijacked the trawler.

The revelations came as a senior As evidence of the militants' U.S. official said India received a



A woman cries at a funeral for victims of the Mumbai attacks in Tel Aviv, Israel.

warning from the United States that militants were plotting a waterborne assault on Mumbai. The Bush administration official, who spoke on condition of anonymity because of the sensitive nature of intelligence information, would not elaborate on the timing or details of the U.S. warning.

The Indian government is already facing public accusations of security and intelligence failures after suspected Muslim militants carried out the three-day attack in Mumbai last week, killing at least 172 people and wounding 239.

Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice is to arrive Wednesday, and the U.S. is pressuring Islamabad to cooperate in the investigation of the siege that paralyzed Mumbai and left six Americans dead.

Defense Secretary Robert Gates said Tuesday that extremists were "apparently targeting Americans and Britons, but the truth is that most of those who were attacked were Indians."

Gates also said that the chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, Adm. Mike Mullen, was headed to the region. RAMOLA TALWAR BADAM (AP)

In Brief



A mother carries her baby at a children's hospital in Beijing on Tuesday.

China Revises Death Toll In Tainted Dairy Scandal

China has dramatically raised the toll from its tainted milk powder scandal, saying six babies likely died and 300,000 were sickened. The Health Ministry's revised death toll is twice the previous figure, while the new count of 294,000 babies who suffered urinary problems from drinking contaminated infant formula is a sixfold increase from the last tally in September. (AP)

BAGHDAD

U.N. Voices Concern Over Iraqi Detainees' Treatment

The United Nations expressed concern Tuesday about overcrowding and "grave human rights violations" of detainees in Iraqi custody — in one case, 123 men crammed into a single cell. The warning comes as the U.S. prepares to turn over control to the Iraqis of thousands of security detainees in its custody under a new security pact that would end the U.S. mission in Iraq by 2012. (AP)



Thai protesters cheer after learning that the nation's Constitutional Court found three ruling parties guilty of committing fraud.

Thailand's PM Forced to Step Down

Protesters yow to leave airports after court decision ousts leader

BANGKOK, THAILAND | Anti-government demonstrators in Thailand declared victory Tuesday and said they will end their occupation of the country's two main airports after a court decision forced the country's prime minister from office.

While an estimated 300,000 travelers stranded by last week's airport takeovers breathed easier, the question of who will hold power in Thailand remained unanswered.

The protesters — who seek to eliminate the one-person, one-vote system — left open the possibility of more unrest, saying they will return to the streets if political change does not occur. At least six people have been killed and scores injured in

Political Instability | Recent Events in the Thai Crisis

Dec. 2007 Samak Sundaravej is chosen as Thailand's prime minister.

May 2008 Protesters call Samak a puppet of ex-PM Thaksin Shinawatra.

Aug. Tens of thousands of protesters take over the PM's compound.

Sept. A court removes Samak from office; Somchai Wongsawat is PM.

Nov. 25 Anti-government protesters take over Bangkok's main airport.

66 It is not a problem. I was not working

for myself. Now I will be a full-time citizen."

> SOMCHAI WONGSAWAT, OUSTED THAI PRIME MINISTER

clashes in recent months.

Also unclear was the extent of damage the weeklong airport blockade inflicted on the economy.

But none of that seemed to matter Tuesday as members of the People's Alliance for Democracy, which led the protest, reveled at the fall of Prime Minister Somchai Wongsawat.

"We will party all night long before leaving tomorrow," said Saisuri Pantupradij, 45, who camped out at Bangkok's Suvarnabhumi international airport.

The protest alliance is seeking to purge the nation of the influence of former Prime Minister Thaksin Shinawatra, whom they accuse of massive corruption.

On Tuesday, the country's Constitutional Court found three ruling parties guilty of committing fraud in the December 2007 elections that brought the coalition to power.

The ruling barred Somchai, Thaksin's brother-in-law, from politics for five years.

"It is not a problem. I was not working for myself. Now I will be a full-time citizen," Somchai told reporters. AMBIKA AHUJA (AP)



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'Chemical Ali' Is Given 2nd Death Sentence

Iraqi judge declares Saddam's cousin guilty for role in Shiite killings

BAGHDAD | Saddam Hussein's notorious cousin Ali Hassan al-Majid, or "Chemical Ali," received a second death sentence Tuesday — this time for crushing a Shiite uprising in the wake of Iraq's defeat in the 1991 Gulf War.

Al-Majid muttered, "Thanks be to God," as chief judge Mohammed Oreibi al-Khalifa declared him guilty and imposed the sentence at the end of the trial, which began in August 2007.

Al-Majid already faces the gallows after being convicted last year for his role in the killing of tens of



Ali Hassan al-Majid listens as an Iraqi court sentences him to death Tuesday.

thousands of Kurds in a crackdown in the late 1980s — in which chemical weapons were used against civilians. But legal wrangling has delayed that execution.

Another defendant, former Baath party official Abdul-Ghani Abdul-Ghafur, was also sentenced to death Tuesday. SAMEER N. YACOUB (AP)

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Marta Palacios pursues her life quest of working to serve students and their parents at Bruce-Monroe Elementary School in the District.

Liesel Flashenberg inspires underserved youth, women and immigrants and improves their lives through a food services program at Through The Kitchen Door International.

Morgan Thomas and Patrick Gerdes improve the academic environment by increasing the participation of fathers in their children's education at Kingsview Middle School in Germantown, Maryland.

Bernadine Prince and Ann Yonkers, through FRESHFARM Markets, promote the benefits of choosing local produce

the benefits of choosing local produce from the Chesapeake Bay area.

Marcia Gardner, at Signature Theatre in Arlington, Virginia, develops education programs that encourage underserved students to expand their imaginations and think innovatively about the world.

Gillian Kilberg Hodge provides summer outreach programs and educational opportunities to dozens of underprivileged children at Grandma Rita's Children.

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U.S. Ship Outruns Pirates

Cruise vessel speeds away after bandits fire shots in Gulf of Aden

NAIROBI, KENYA | The luxury American cruise ship steaming across the Gulf of Aden with hundreds of well-heeled tourists just might have been too much for Somali pirates to resist.

But the six bandits, riding in two skiffs and firing rifle shots at the gleaming ship, were outrun in minutes on Sunday when the captain of M/S Nautica gunned the engine and sped away, a spokesman for the company said Tuesday.

Still, the implications — had the pirates hijacked the ship — added a new dimension to the piracy scourge, as NATO foreign ministers groped for solutions at a meeting in Brussels and the United Nations extended an international piracy-fighting mandate for another year.

The potential for massive ransom payments from the families



A 2007 photo shows the American cruise ship M/S Nautica at port in Sultan Qaboos, Oman. The vessel escaped a pirate attack in the Gulf of Aden on Sunday.

of tourists may encourage similar attempts, especially following the capture of a Ukrainian cargo ship laden with tanks and a Saudi tanker carrying \$100 million in crude.

Tim Rubacky, a spokesman for Oceania Cruises Inc., which owns the Nautica, said one pirate skiff came within 300 yards of the cruise ship and fired eight rifle shots at the vessel before trailing off.

"When the pirates were sighted, the captain went on the public address system and asked passengers to remain in the interior spaces of the ship and wait until he gave further instructions," Rubacky said. "Within five minutes, it was over."

He said the ship still plans to return through the Gulf of Aden. "We believe this was an isolated incident," he said. ELIZABETH A. KENNEDY (AP)

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Local

Md. Seniors Risk Diplomas

Pr. George's students are not showing up to take graduation exams

The Prince George's County Board of Education recognized a grim reality Monday in the struggle to get more than 2,700 high school seniors to pass graduation exit exams: Many of them aren't even showing up to take the tests required to earn a

Of 2,754 students at risk of not graduating in June — more than one in three of the county's 7,871 seniors seeking a diploma — 1,165 have not taken one or more of the four required High School Assessments in algebra, English,

POOR SHOWING

Truancy has been an all-around problem in Pr. George's County:

- → In the 2006-07 school year, the most recent year for which data are available, most high schools had truancy rates above 10 percent, according to state data.
- → At Potomac High School, truancy topped 26 percent.

government and biology, county school officials told the board Monday night in Upper Marlboro. About 180 have not taken any of the tests.

The school board, in its first meeting with William R. Hite Jr., the system's interim superinten-

dent, appeared deeply troubled by the numbers.

Member Heather Iliff likened the exams to "a speeding train coming at us," and she and others asked repeatedly what could be done to turn things around.

"The most important thing the community can do is encourage the students to take the exams," said Donna Muncey, the school system's accountability chief. "They can't pass the exam if they don't sit down and take the exam."

Prince George's is not the only system with such a problem. In Montgomery County, more than 1,300 students haven't taken one or more of the exams, according to state data. NELSON HERNANDEZ (THE WASHINGTON POST)

ELKRIDGE. MD. | RECYCLING REQUIREMENTS



TRASH LESSONS: Maryland House of Delegates Environmental Matters Committee members toured Waste Management's Elkridge Material Recovery Facility Tuesday. Committee members learned what effect a bill requiring deposits on returnable containers would have on the facility.

The Lotteries

Tuesday, Dec. 2

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D.C. Taxi **Fare Hike Proposed**

A task force examining the District's taxi industry is recommending an increase in fares.

Leon Swain, chairman of the D.C. Taxicab Commission and one of the 13 members of the task force, said the final decision will be made sometime next year before the full, seven-member commission.

The task force has been meeting for about a year. It is made up of people representing various interest groups, including taxi drivers, representatives from limousine companies and riders. D.C. Council member Jim Graham, D-Ward 1, also sits on the task force.

Among its recommendations were to remove a limit on the number of licensed cabdrivers in the District, get rid of the fuel surcharge and increase the per-mile meter rate.

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District taxis began using timeand-distance meters in June. DAVID BETANCOURT (THE WASHINGTON POST)



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Maryland medevac flights have declined since this crash killed four on Sept. 28.

Medevac **Use in** Md. Falls

LINTHICUM, MD. | Far fewer patients have been flown to Maryland trauma centers in the eight weeks since the fatal crash of a state police helicopter, the head of the agency that coordinates state's emergency response said Monday.

Dr. Robert Bass spoke before a panel that will recommend changes to Maryland's medevac program on Tuesday. He said part of the decrease in flights since the crash can be attributed to a new protocol under which paramedics consult with trauma surgeons before deciding whether certain patients who don't have obvious injuries should be flown.

But Bass also said he was concerned that some patients who need to be flown are instead being taken to hospitals by ambulance.

"I think people are apprehensive," Bass said, adding that emergency care providers "don't want to be looked at as being people who abused the system."

Bass noted that the decision to fly the two patients who were in the helicopter that crashed Sept. 28 and killed four of the five people aboard "was completely consistent with protocols."

The two young women had been in a car accident and showed no obvious signs of trauma, but the state protocol calls for patients to be flown if their vehicles have sustained heavy damage, because such damage can cause internal injuries. BEN NUCKOLS (AP)



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Money

Troops Defer Job Hunts for a Time

Military sees rising rates of re-enlistment in the tough economy

FORT RILEY, KAN. | Sgt. Ryan Nyhus spent 14 months patrolling the streets of Baghdad, where five members of his platoon were shot and one died. As tough as that was, he would rather go back there than take his chances in America's brutal job market.

Nyhus re-enlisted last Wednesday, joining the growing ranks of soldiers choosing to stay in the U.S. military because of the bleak economy.

"In the Army, you're always guaranteed a steady paycheck and a job," said Nyhus, 21. "Deploying's something that's going to happen. That's a fact of life in the Army — a



Sgt. Ryun Nyhus re-enlists during a ceremony at Fort Riley, Kan., on Nov. 26. He chose to remain in the military after patrolling the streets of Baghdad for 14 months.

fact of life in the infantry."

As the stock market has cratered and the housing market has collapsed this year, more young

members of the Army, Air Force and Navy decided to re-up. While several factors might explain the rise in re-enlistments, Pentagon officials 66 In the Army,

you're always guaranteed a steady paycheck and a job."

SGT. RYAN NYHUS

acknowledge that bad news for the economy is usually good news for the military.

In fact, the Pentagon just completed its strongest recruiting year in four years.

"We do benefit when things look less positive in civil society," said David Chu, undersecretary of defense for personnel and readiness. "What difficult economic times give us, I think, is an opening to make our case to people who we might not otherwise have."

The retention rate of early career soldiers in the Army has risen steadily over the past four years and now stands 20 percentage points higher than it was in fiscal 2004. As for the Navy and the Air Force, early and mid-career sailors and airmen re-enlisted at a higher rate in October than during the same period in 2007.

Army Spc. Alicia Fauls, 20, had two years to go when she re-enlisted last week at Fort Riley, home of the Army's 1st Infantry Division, which has one brigade in Iraq, one headed home and another preparing to ship out. She has not been sent into the war zone yet but knows an assignment in Iraq or Afghanistan is probably in her future.

"I did have only two years left, but I'm not sure what I would do," Fauls said. "It's harder to find jobs. If I do wait to get out, the economy should be in better shape." (AP)

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Sports



THE END? Super Bowl hero Plaxico Burress is done for the year. The Giants fined and suspended Burress on Tuesday after he accidentally shot himself in the right thigh over the weekend at a Manhattan nightclub.

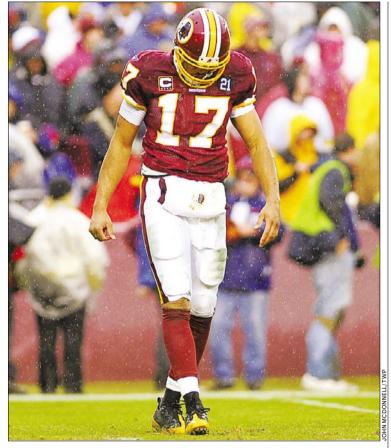
Campbell Lashes Out at His Critics

Struggling Redskins QB says some of fans' complaints are 'absurd'

REDSKINS | With the Washington Redskins having the day off, quarterback Jason Campbell took a rare one-day break from football yesterday. Instead of reviewing game film or going over the playbook, as he normally would do, he decided to just relax at his townhouse and take his mind off the game.

A once-promising season is threatening to slip away, with the Redskins having lost three of their last four games. And as is typical in the NFL, criticism of the team's quarterback is intensifying with each loss

Frustration by fans — not to mention some of the area's sports radio and TV pundits — boiled over after Sunday's 23-7 loss to the New York Giants. Callers filled talk radio programs with attacks on Campbell's performance, with many saying he should be benched in favor of backup Todd Collins, the man who led the Redskins' late-season, four-



Redskins quarterback Jason Campbell hangs his head during Washington's loss to the New York Giants Sunday. As losses pile up, so have criticisms of Campbell.

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now, I'm getting all the blame, and, yeah, it's tough."

JASON CAMPBELL. REDSKINS QB

game winning streak that resulted in a playoff berth a year ago.

There is no quarterback controversy in the Redskins' locker room, and head coach Jim Zorn reaffirmed on Monday that Campbell remains the team's starter. Even so, the soft-spoken Campbell, who turns 27 on Dec. 31, is unaccustomed to this level of scrutiny.

"People just don't understand," Campbell said. "Right now, I'm getting all of the blame, and, yeah, it's tough. ... People are basically throwing me under the bus right now, and here I am still trying to get established in this league.

"But I'll accept all the blame, because the same ones who are riding me right now were the same people [earlier] this year that were saying something a whole lot different. I'm smart enough to know that it's not all on me."

Among fans' most repeated complaints about Campbell are that he does not show enough emotion on the sidelines and that he does not throw enough deep passes. Campbell brushes aside the criticism.

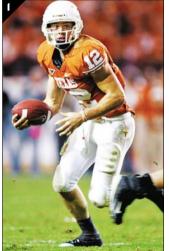
"People are really getting absurd with the stuff they're saying right now. I'm the quarterback of this team, and I work hard to prepare myself and be a leader. You can't tell anything about how much someone cares about their job, about what's going on, from watching them on TV on the sideline.

"And throwing down field — people think I don't want to go down field? I have a strong arm and I don't want to go down field? I love to throw the ball down field, but you just can't throw it down field when there's nothing there. If you do that, then you're just asking for trouble."

JASON REID (THE WASHINGTON POST)

Arrested development: The failure of three rookie receivers to produce has stunted Jason Campbell's growth, the Redskins say | **Today's Washington Post, Sports**

HEISMAN HOPEFULS | COLLEGE GRIDIRON GREATS









QB **Colt McCoy** had a monster day for Texas, completing 23 of 28 passed for 311 yards and two touchdowns, and running for 49 yards and two more scores against Texas A&M. **2.** QB **Sam Bradford** sprinkled in a rare rushing touchdown for Oklahoma, while also going 30 of 44 for 370 yards in the air for four touchdowns in a win over Oklahoma State. **3.** Florida QB **Tim**

Tebow kept his name in contention for a second Heisman against Florida State by throwing for three touchdowns and rushing for another. **4.** Texas Tech QB **Graham Harrell** cemented his trip to New York with a 41 of 50, 309-yard passing performance with two touchdowns versus Baylor. (EXPRESS)

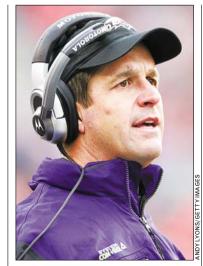
Soaring Ravens Make No Apologies

Baltimore beats up on lesser teams as it stays in playoff hunt

RAVENS | The Baltimore Ravens make no apologies for their 6-0 record against losing teams, nor do they care about their perceived inability to hang with the NFL elite

As they prepare to enter a challenging December, the Ravens are concerned only about prolonging a march toward the playoffs that has featured lopsided wins over hapless foes and overwhelming defeats against the league's upper class.

Despite playing for a rookie coach, employing a first-year quarterback and playing with much the same roster that went 5-11 last season, the Ravens (8-4) are only one game behind Pittsburgh in the AFC North and currently in position to



Ravens coach John Harbaugh is 8-4 in his first year entering Sunday's game.

receive a wild-card berth.

But Baltimore has beaten only two teams with winning records, Miami (7-5) and Philadelphia (6-5-1). Next up for Baltimore: a prime-time showdown Sunday night against the Washington Redskins (7-5), followed by matchups against Pittsburgh (9-3) and Dallas (8-4).

None of those teams, or even Jacksonville in the finale, should be confused with the lowly Cincinnati Bengals, who the Ravens swept aside Sunday, 34-3. But coach John Harbaugh insisted Monday that Baltimore has nothing to prove.

"Our guys have earned the right to be playing meaningful football games in December," he said. "That's all we care about."

Baltimore has won six of seven and has garnered enough attention to warrant a season debut on the NBC Sunday night telecast.

"We don't care about playing in prime time; we don't care if the rest of the country knows about us or not. We're not interested in any of that. We're not trying to impress anybody," Harbaugh said. (AP)



SAME OL' SPURRIER: Lane Kiffin has discovered one thing that comes with the job of being Tennessee's football coach: needling from Steve Spurrier, left, who questioned whether Kiffin broke NCAA rules by contacting Tennessee recruits before taking a mandatory recruiting certification test. Spurrier joked Kiffin was "an interested observer."

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Michigan Seeks Reversal of Fortune

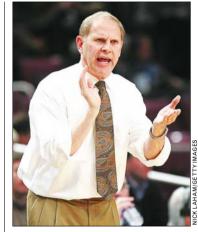
Beilein eyes continued progress for rebuilding team against Maryland

MEN'S COLLEGE HOOPS | A maize and blue storage shack stands directly adjacent to John Beilein's basketball court. Inside an office a few blocks from Crisler Arena, where the Michigan men's basketball team is preparing for practice one late October afternoon, Beilein, the Wolverines' second-year coach, beams as he shows off yet another of his innovative tools.

A foldable miniaturized bas-

ketball court sits on top of a coffee table. This, Beilein says, is where the master plan for how to revitalize Michigan's downtrodden basketball program undergoes constant construction. The process of fusing his system with the personnel he inherited a year and a half ago has been slow, but he remains confident that eventually the vision he formulates will be carried out on courts of the life-size variety.

Maryland (4-2) will host Michigan (5-1), Beilein's latest rebuilding project, Wednesday at Comcast Center as part of the ACC-Big Ten Challenge. Little was expected of either



John Beilein took over for coach Tommy Amaker after a six-year NCAA drought.

Once you get sort of

a philosophy ... you tweak and do what you have to do."

JOHN BEILEIN, MICHIGAN HEAD COACH

squad entering the season, yet the two teams have raised eyebrows across the country with recent wins against top-tier programs.

Beilein's situation is complicated by the fact that Michigan's roster is populated with players recruited by Beilein's predecessor, Tommy Amaker, who was fired after failing to reach the NCAA tournament in six seasons. Beilein prefers to run a 1-3-1 zone defense and a transitionbased offense reliant upon threepoint shooting.

His players, however, naturally possessed talents ill-suited to execute those schemes. The Wolverines shot a Big Ten-worst 31.2 percent from beyond the arc last season and tied for ninth in the 11-team conference. "Once you get sort of a philosophy of how you're going to play, you change and you tweak and you do what you have to do," Beilein said. "But in the long run, you dance with the girl that brought you here." STEVE YANDA (THE WASHINGTON POST)



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Crosby's Trick Is Making It Look Easy

Pens' superstar rises in points total with a flair for the dramatic

NHL | Sid the Kid looked like a peewee player goofing off with his buddies on a frozen pond. Sidney Crosby dangled the puck on his stick and skated this way and that, with two or three teammates frantically trying to take it from their captain. Most times, they didn't.

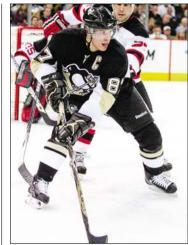
Other times during the Pittsburgh Penguins' off-day workout Monday, Crosby practiced what looked to be gimmick shots, from

GOLDEN TRIANGLE

bad angles, while on a knee or spinning. The kind of shots most players put in once or twice a season. Or the kind Crosby put in twice against New Jersey on Saturday.

Crosby's devotion to polishing a skill that most NHL players don't possess — the art of the trick shot — is only a tiny reason he is surging up the NHL scoring list.

For a playmaker who's supposedly not a pure goal scorer, Crosby is looking a lot like Wayne Gretzky these days. He has five goals in two games, and six goals and nine points in three games, a burst that moved him into second place behind team-



Sidney Crosby has 13 goals this year.

mate Evgeni Malkin in the NHL scoring race.

Malkin (10 goals, 39 points) and Crosby (13 goals, 34 points) are attempting to become only the third duo from the same team to finish atop the league during the last 20 years. "We try to make some plays the other teams don't expect," Crosby said. "It's hard to focus on one of us when both of us are out there, so, hopefully, we create some space for each other." ALAN ROBINSON (AP)

Late games: The Capitals' and
Wizards' games ended after deadline. Results | washingtonpost.com/sports

TODAY'S TV LINEUP

WIZARDS (7 P.M. ON CSN) Greg Oden is healthy for the Portland Trail Blazers, who visit the Washington Wizards.

TERPS MEN'S HOOPS (7:30 P.M. ON ESPNU) Michigan, which owns a win over UCLA this year, visits Maryland, which is coming off blowout losses to Gonzaga and Georgetown.

COLLEGE MEN'S HOOPS (7:15 P.M. AND 9:15 p.m. on ESPN) No. 15 Wake Forests hosts Indiana, and No. 1 North Carolina plays No. 13 Michigan State in the ACC-Big 10 Challenge.

MORE MEN'S COLLEGE HOOPS (7:30 P.M. AND 9:30 P.M. ON ESPN2) More ACC-Big 10 Challenge action includes Penn State versus Georgia Tech and Florida State versus Northwestern

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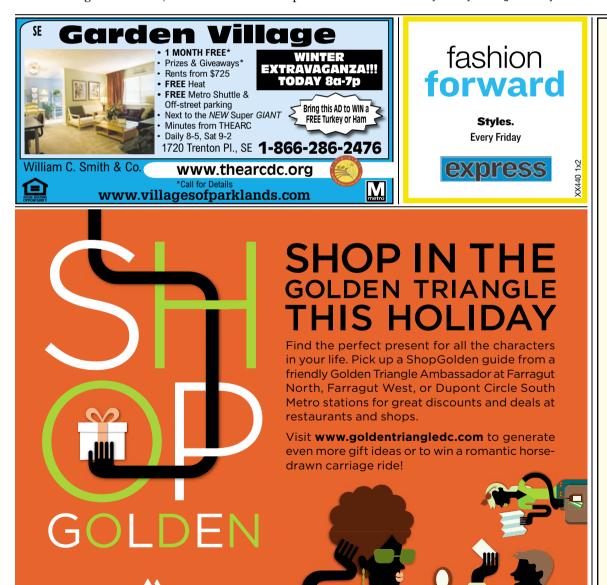
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CHEMISTRY TEST: Leave it to the Dallas Cowboys to try to ruin a good thing. On a roll since Tony Romo returned from his broken pinky, the Cowboys are planning to use Adam "Pacman" Jones Sunday as a punt returner. Jones was suspended six weeks for violating the league's conduct policy after missing last season for similar violations.

Sports

Will the Real Contenders Stand Up?

In the uncertain NFL, average teams are not far away from the elite

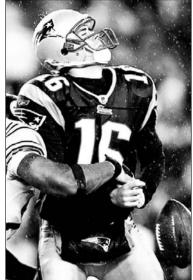
NFL | The New York Jets still lead the AFC East and are likely to win it.

But a team that a week ago was being put in a New York-New York Super Bowl by the local tabloids is now being buried, replaced on the front and back pages by a receiver on the other local team who managed to shoot himself in the leg and get into more hot water doing it.

It's a demonstration of how fickle the NFL (and the Big Apple) can be.

Nonetheless, the Jets demonstrated by losing Sunday to a team that fell at home to Oakland the previous week that while Brett Favre might carry them to the playoffs, they probably aren't ready to advance very far.

The same can be said for other presumed contenders: Washington; the entire NFC North; and,







Losses by the Patriots, Redskins and Jets last weekend have each team looking less like a legitimate Super Bowl contender.

yes, New England, a perennial champion currently on the outside looking in and perhaps ready to stay there.

"I am confident in the team," New England coach Bill Belichick said Monday about his Patriots, who were hammered 33-10 in Foxbor-

THE RREAKDOWN

- → Serious Super Bowl teams: New York Giants (10-1), Tennessee (10-1), Pittsburgh (9-3) and Dallas (8-4).
- → Legitimate Super Bowl contenders: Tampa Bay (9-3), Carolina (9-3), Indianapolis (8-4) and New York Jets (8-4).
- → Potential playoff teams: Baltimore (8-4), Atlanta (8-4), New England (7-5), Minnesota (7-5), Denver 7-5), Washington (7-5), Miami (7-5), Philadelphia (6-5-1) and Arizona (7-5).

ough by the Steelers.

To put it bluntly, Pittsburgh looked like one of the three or four elite teams in the NFL; the Patriots looked like a team that might miss the playoffs for the first time in six years and just the third time this decade.

The Biggest Loser

→ The New Orleans Saints' hopes of making the playoffs seem all but gone. Which other NFC teams bit the dust after Week 13 in the NFL? Offer your thoughts. | The League

washingtonpost.com

It's hard to doubt Belichick when he's confident that his team will climb back in the race on a West Coast trip coming up against two teams that should be patsies. His track record is too good to think otherwise.

And everyone must be cognizant of what all coaches and players on marginal playoff teams are reminding anyone who asks: At this time last season, the Giants were one of them, struggling to make the postseason with no indication they could win a Super Bowl. DAVE GOLDBERG (AP)



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NEW YEAR, NEW CHEER: Michigan may be facing tough economic times, but Grand Rapids plans to party like it's 2009 this New Year's Eve. The southwestern Michigan city will hold its first outdoor celebration on Dec. 31, featuring a Times Square-style ball drop.

Pit Stop for Auto Enthusiasts

A new Philadelphia museum showcases the history of race cars

ATTRACTIONS | For more than 20 years, Fred Simeone kept his priceless collection of vintage racing cars in a nondescript garage downtown. He'd give private tours to other car collectors and enthusiasts, but the automotive gems remained largely hidden from public view.

Not anymore. Simeone now has a museum for his more-than 60 rare racers, which span the 20th century and include models by Alfa Romeo, Aston Martin and Bugatti.

The cars run from big, boxy antiques to sexy, streamlined sportsters and include winners of prestigious races at Nurburgring, Le Mans and Sebring.

"We have a few real Mona Lisas in here," said Simeone, 72.

Tucked away in a former engine manufacturing plant in an industrial corner of Philadelphia, the Simeone Foundation Automotive Museum opened in June and was formally dedicated in November.

The cavernous facility showcases



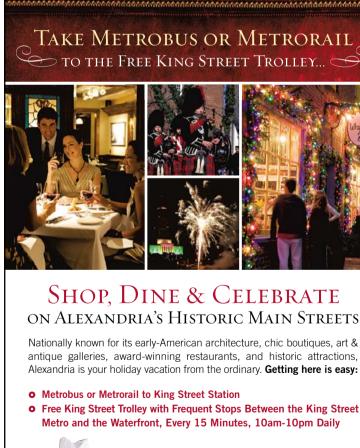
Visitors look at a Porsche 917 vintage race car, left, on display in the "pit road" exhibit at the Simeone Foundation Automotive Museum in Philadelphia last month.

cars in huge dioramas, from a 3-D Italian village to a tableau of the Bonneville Salt Flats. The cars are arranged in chronological order to convey what Simeone said is the message behind the metal: how vehicles are improved by the spirit of competition.

An exhibit on Le Mans, a 24-hour endurance race, starts with the 1933 Alfa Romeo 8C2300 Le Mans — a high-riding, rectangular vehicle that to the modern eye looks more lumbering than aerodynamic. It ends with the 1970 Porsche 917LH, a sleek and curvy racer with a bubble-like cockpit.

"It's designed to show how we are all compelled to compete and, in the process of competing, we evolve," Simeone said. KATHY MATHESON (AP)





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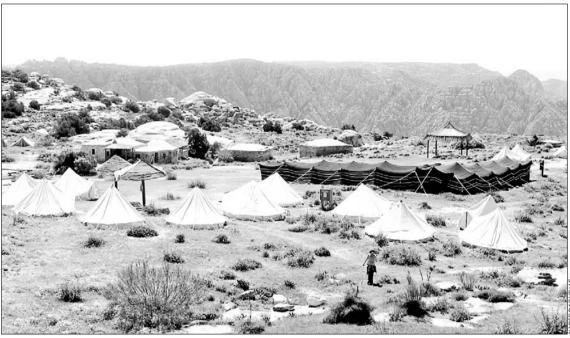
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The number of ski resorts in the West that boosted their eco-friendliness ratings this year, out of the 83 resorts reviewed, according to the Ski Areas Citizens' Coalition.

Travel



Campers at the Dana Reserve in southern Jordan can take in impressive views of massive domelike clusters of red-beige rock.

Kingdom of Adventure

The ancient country of Jordan is rich in eco-tourism activities

DESTINATIONS | A trek uphill from Jordan's scorching Dead Sea shore through the towering sandstone walls of the Mujib gorge leaves you with a pulse-racing way to get back down — strap into a harness and rappel down a waterfall into a sparkling river.

Jordan, home of the ancient red-rock city of Petra, is reaching beyond its historical and biblical tourist attractions to try to capture a stake in the growing outdoor adventure and eco-tourism market.

Besides the Mujib gorge, Jordan is marketing places like the wooded highlands and rocky slopes of the Dana Reserve in the country's Last year, 66,000 ecotourists came to Jordan among a total of 3.4 million tourists.

south. Visitors there take in views of massive domelike clusters of redbeige rock before settling in for the night at a camp site.

The desert kingdom's effort to lure eco-tourists -66,000 came last year among a total of 3.4 million tourists — seeks to reap the benefits of four decades of pioneering wildlife and nature conservation.

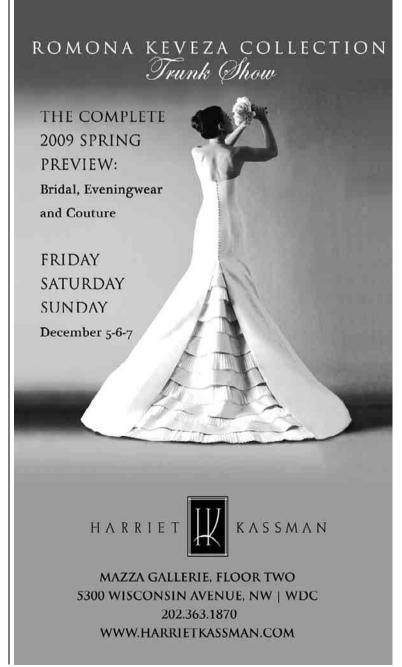
Environmentalists supported by then-ruler King Hussein founded the Royal Society for the Conservation of Nature in 1966 at a time when war with Israel, not ecological conservation, dominated most Arab agendas.

Since then, the nongovernmental $\,$ organization has led environmental education programs, set a national environmental strategy, and established and maintained eight nature reserves so far.

Jordan has even dispatched its cause-crusading Queen Rania to boost eco-tourism numbers.

"If you want adventure, you can [rope] down waterfalls, paraglide off sandstone crags, navigate Red Sea reefs, then cook supper deep in the desert sands of Wadi Rum," she said recently at a Conde Nast travel forum in New York. DALE GAVLAK (AP)





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Cars



CUT WEIGHT: Ford Motor Co. said Monday it is considering the possible sale of Volvo, its Sweden-based auto brand and the company's last remnant of its foreign luxury division. Ford said a review of Volvo's future would likely take several months to complete.

Tough Economy, Tough Truck

Ford's 2009 F-I50 shines in down days for U.S. automakers

PICKUP | As the redesigned 2009 Ford F-150 pickup starts rolling into dealerships, Ford marketing executives are eschewing those elaborate TV commercials in which trucks swing by their tow hooks in giant centrifuges, race through gantlets of flying steel pendulums or chatter their brakes to the edge of a precipice while trying to stop a 10,000-pound trailer.

I'm sorry: Those commercials are awesome, but they do need a little updating. Can we see how many unsold copies of the new Guns N' Roses album, "Chinese Democracy," the new F-150 can hold? Can two Ford pickups tug Madonna's face any tighter?

A \$100 bill weighs 1 gram. The new F-150 has a class-leading hauling capacity of 3,030 pounds. It would take a fleet of 181 F-150s to transport \$25 billion in bailout money from the nation's capital to Dearborn, Mich. I'll help drive.

I guess these are inauspicious



Ford's 2009 F-150 lives up to the elaborate heights of its television commercials.

days to launch a new pickup truck. The light-vehicle market has China Syndrome; the chief executives of the Detroit Three are groveling in their pinstripes on Capitol Hill; and there is, in the air, a diffuse but real sense of repudiation toward full-size pickups.

Yes, Dearborn has its troubles, but this is the best pickup truck on God's little acre. Yes, the Japanese have beaten up on the domestics, but Toyota and Nissan only wish they knew how to build a full-sizer as tight, as tough, as well-sorted, as keen and as mean as the thing

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behind the Blue Oval. I mean, people, it isn't even close. My car of the year is a truck. DAN NEIL (LOS ANGELES TIMES)

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INDEPENDENTS ON THE BALLOT: Anne Hathaway's drama "Rachel Getting Married," the border-smuggling tale "Frozen River" and the Deep South saga "Ballast" lead the nominees for the Spirit Awards with six nominations each, including best picture.

Entertainment

Strategy Behind Chess

Adrien Brody crafted his 'Cadillac Records' character with care

SHAPE-SHIFTER | As a youngster, Adrien Brody enjoyed entertaining family and friends with magic tricks.

"The idea of creating an illusion and kind of pulling the wool over somebody's eyes and watching their fascination from that was phenomenal," the lanky actor recalls.

Brody ultimately took a different path, although acting also involves tricking an audience sometimes.

At 29, he became the youngest actor in a leading role to win an Academy Award. It was for his heartbreaking portrayal of Holocaust survivor Wladyslaw Szpilman in Roman Polanski's "The Pianist." Brody spent months practicing the piano to portray the musician as he faced extreme adversity during World War II.

The New York City-born actor once again enters the musical realm in his newest film, "Cadillac Records." He portrays Chess Records co-founder Leonard Chess, a Polish-Jewish immigrant who introduced white audiences to rhythm and blues starting in the 1950s. He found little known black artists and recorded their



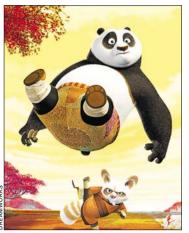
KING OF THE CADILLAC: Adrien Brody portrays Leonard Chess, co-founder of a small label, Cadillac Records, that introduced white audiences to rhythm and blues.

music for his small Chicago label. The label was home to such legendary performers as Muddy Waters, Chuck Berry, Marion "Little Walter" Jacobs, John Lee Hooker, Bo Diddley and Etta James.

The musical drama chronicles the rise of the record label and Chess' relationships with his talented but unpredictable artists. Chess rewarded them with shiny new Cadillacs, but he was also a man of questionable morals.

Brody brushed up with articles and books about Chess. He also talked to Chess' son, Marshall, and others who knew the man. "I tried to be true to what I felt was the essence of Leonard," says the actor. "Leonard was this guy who was a very forceful and hardened individual, but also he probably had compassion."

Brody didn't feel as pressured as some of his co-stars, who depicted beloved performers, some of whom are still alive. "The more well-known a person is you're playing, the more pressure there is on the actor to embody their qualities and do them justice," he says. "For me, there was a little bit of leeway, because although the history of Leonard Chess and his family are documented, there isn't that much of him out in the media." ANGELA DAWSON (ENTERTAINMENT NEWS WIRE)



We are not experts, but this does appear to be some darn fine animation.

Animated Group of Nominees

'Kung Fu Panda' is in the running for the year's best cartoon

NODS | "Bolt," "Kung Fu Panda," "Wall-E," "Waltz With Bashir" and "9.99" were nominated Monday by the International Animated Film Society for best animated feature for the 36th annual Annie Awards. The awards honor the year's best animated features, TV productions, commercials, video games and short subjects.

DreamWorks Animation's "Kung Fu Panda" received 17 nominations, more than any other film. In addition to best animated feature, the box-office hit earned recognition in the character animation, directing, music, production design, voice acting and writing categories.

Walt Disney Animation Studio's current hit, "Bolt," received nine nominations, and Pixar Animation Studio's summer blockbuster "Wall-E" earned eight.

Nominees in the best animated TV production are Disney Television Animation's "Phineas and Ferb," Gracie Films/Fox TV's "The Simpsons," 20th Century Fox TV's "King of the Hill" and ShadowMachine's "Moral Orel" and "Robot Chicken: Star Wars Episode II." SUSAN KING (LOS ANGELES TIMES)



Lil Wayne was the first rapper ever to perform at the Country Music Awards.

Six-String Us Along

A guitar by his side, Lil Wayne plays with a style all his own

WEEZY | Lil Wayne: guitar hero. Who would have thought?

It seems like every time you see the froggy-voiced rap superstar these days, he has a guitar strapped over his shoulder. Or, often, he's just pretending to play.

Last month, Lil Wayne became the first rapper ever to perform at the Country Music Awards, appearing with Kid Rock for his mashup hit "All Summer Long." Weezy gripped the neck of his electric guitar loosely but commandingly; deep in concentration, he executed a blistering solo.

Although Lil Wayne has the intensity of a golden guitar god down pat, his technique can be distracting for anyone who knows his or her way around a six-string.

The video for his latest single, "Mrs. Officer/Comfortable," pro-

vides a somewhat jarring juxtaposition with the strains sampled in the song, seeing Weezy working away at the bottom of the instrument's neck with his thumb.

Weezy's so-awful-they're-brilliant noodlings reached their apogee in April, when he performed his No. 1 hit "Lollipop" on "Saturday Night Live." Again, he whipped out his guitar and gave it his all, proving he wouldn't know a chord if it were wrapped around his tremolo bar.

Entertainment



SCIENCE IS COOL: CBS has picked up the science thriller "Eleventh Hour," starring Rufus Sewell, left, for five more episodes. It's averaged 12 million viewers on Thursdays -it's the second-most-watched new show behind "The Mentalist."

Exercise Global Mind Control

Common aims to put his stamp on party scenes everywhere

NEW VIBE | Common has always been known for his pensive lyrics, but the veteran rapper is trying out a new style on the upcoming album "Universal Mind Control."

Due out Dec. 9 after numerous delays (which Common blames on his burgeoning acting career), "Universal Mind Control" doesn't feature beats from such usual producers as No ID, Kanve West and the late J. Dilla. Instead, the Neptunes' Pharrell Williams and OutKast producer Mr. DJ are behind the boards for

Common's most pop-driven work to date. The first single, "Universal Mind Control (UMC)," featuring Williams, plucks its rhythm from Afrika Bambaataa's "Planet Rock" as Common rhymes about booties dropping ... styling and being fly."

"I wanted to do what I felt was missing from my catalog — songs that could be played at parties internationally," Common says. "I just came off tour with N*E*R*D, and crowds really felt 'Universal Mind Control (UMC)."

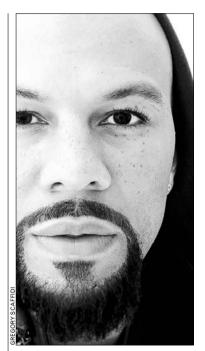
Common is revered in hip-hop circles and beyond for his creative storytelling. His witty 1994 single "I Used to Love H.E.R.," which chronicled the changes that hip-hop has endured as a genre, is hailed as a classic and emulated by many new artists. But he's never been shy about taking chances with his sound.

"When you come up with a new sound, it takes time for people to take a liking to it," Common says. "The music is the future of progressive hip-hop. It's colorful and a little electronic."

With Williams and Mr. DJ as the sole producers, the album showcases the chart-driven catchiness of the Neptunes and the alternative quality of OutKast. "Everywhere" has a guitar line reminiscent of Pat Benatar's "Love Is a Battlefield," while "Gladiator" finds Common

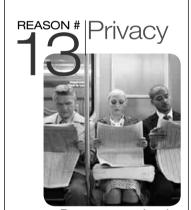
fiercely rhyming over a '20s-style horn wail, driving drums and thick bass. "Punch Drunk Love," possibly the second single, features a catchy chorus from West, who is otherwise absent. "Am I crazy? Or were you giving me the eye?" he raps. "Kanye was focusing on his Glow in the Dark show, so he wasn't able to make it to the studio to weigh in," Common says.

Common is busy with film work. Having already acted alongside Denzel Washington in "American Gangster" and Angelina Jolie in "Wanted," Common will play the character Barnes in the highly anticipated 2009 film "Terminator Salvation." HILLARY CROSLEY (BILLBOARD)



Common trades in his mellow storytelling for a funky party vibe on "UMC."

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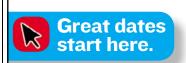
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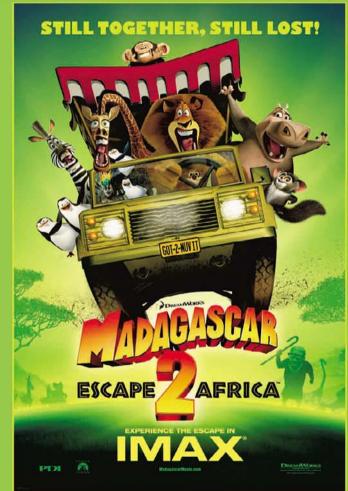
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Life's tricks and trials inspired the R&B singer's new tracks

REBOUND | You can't blame Brandy for being a little nervous stepping back into the recording studio. Four years have elapsed since the release of her fourth album, "Afrodisiac." And it has been just two years since her headline-making car accident in which another driver died.

"Once you get into a zone, it's hard to come out," says Brandy, who will not face criminal charges but still faces a wrongful-death lawsuit that goes to trial in April. "What I experienced in the past couple of years was tough, but I had to face it and find the strength to move forward. Connecting back with music



After being involved in a fatal car accident, Brandy is making music again.

has definitely helped me through everything."

Music's uplifting power provided the thematic undercurrent for "Human," due out Dec. 9. The project reunites Brandy with songwriter-producer Rodney Jerkins, who first worked with the singer on her 1998 multiplatinum sophomore set, "Never Say Never." Jerkins, the executive producer of "Human," also produced the first two singles: the uptempo "Right Here (Departed)" and "Long Distance," a ballad coproduced with Bruno Mars.

The lyrics drew inspiration from a daily journal Brandy began keeping. "Getting in touch with how I felt made me want to sing about it," Brandy says. "This entire album is about life and what we all experience - that we're not alone and sometimes need to be uplifted."

Brandy rose to prominence at 15 with her 1994 self-titled debut. Between recordings, she also starred in the popular '90s TV show "Moesha," which still runs in syndication.

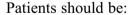
Down the road is a tour and more acting. "That's another part of me that has to be fulfilled," says Brandy. "I really want to get back to that, creating a character who people would love to see every week."

Anxious now to reconnect musically. Brandy says it's actually her 6-year-old daughter who keeps her going. "Playing my songs back for her and hearing her respond — that's what lets me know I'm on the right track and motivates me to continue." GAIL MITCHELL (BILLBOARD)

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SOUNDS JUST AS CONFUSING: Courtney B. Vance and Jack Davenport, left, have been cast in ABC's pilot "Flash Forward," which may be a companion to "Lost." In the pilot, everyone on Earth blacks out for two minutes and then has a vision of the future.

Television

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UP CLOSE AND PERSONAL

On many talk shows, the musician performs but is not allowed to join in the conversation. That's not the case on SPECTACLE: ELVIS COSTELLO WITH... (9 p.m., Sundance). This 13-part series kicks off with an hour-long chat and several performances by Costello and his first guest, Elton John.

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Who Wants to Be a Giver?

The contestants on 'Secret Millionaire' reward decent folks

DESERVING | The new unscripted series "Secret Millionaire" (8 p.m., Fox) follows rich folks as they pretend to be average Joes working for minimum wage. During their descent into below-average-dom, they will meet new co-workers, make new friends and decide who among them is deserving of a big cash prize.

The concept for this series is interesting on a number of levels. As reality television, it marks a complete inversion of the 2003 Fox hit "Joe Millionaire," when construction worker Evan Marriott pretended to be rich and got to entertain a bevy of social-climbing beauties in

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Baltimore's Molly Shattuck will grace people with her presence tonight on Fox.

a French Chateau.

It also strikes the opposite tone of "The Simple Life," the long-running reality series about spoiled and starved socialites disrupting the lives of decent, ordinary people.

For all of its upbeat "its the season of giving" hype, "Secret Millionaire" serves to remind us how our society has plunged in one generation from rough middle-class equality to near feudal chasms between the very rich and those who are barely getting by.

"Millionaire" also hearkens back to Depression-era comedies like "My Man Godfrey" (1936) in which rich and disillusioned characters gain wisdom by rubbing elbows with what were then called "the common man."

Then, as now, Hollywood wants us to feel good about the innate decency of "ordinary" folks, but it prefers that the message be delivered by a rich person or a celebrity. KEVIN MCDONOUGH (UNITED FEATURE SYNDICATE)



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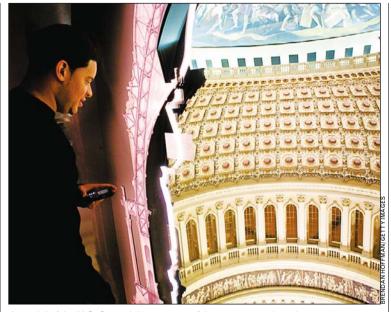
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The 580,000-square-foot facility, which opened to the public Tuesday, is dazzling. As visitors descend two escalators to the central Emancipation Hall, the underground level's sparkling marble grandeur



A model of the U.S. Capitol dome is one of the many marvels at the visitor center.

is offset by a bright glass ceiling showcasing views of the Capitol dome. While an indoor replica of the dome's Statue of Freedom — an

exhibit focal point — is a commanding presence in itself, the real gems are just beyond her in the center's Exhibition Hall.

The room uses low lighting due to the plethora of precious American artifacts it holds, like transcripts from the 1912 Senate hearings on the Titantic's sinking. There are also large-screen video tutorials on Senate and House proceedings, as well as 20 touch-screen displays that provide visitors interactive experiences ranging from congressional quizzes to virtual Capitol tours.

D.C. resident Joe Grano, 63, approved.

"They've come up with the best arrangement they can come up with to adhere to the dignity of the building," he said.

Besides, it doesn't hurt that there's a restaurant serving up burgers and pizza — in case all that historical scoping works up an appetite. KRIS CORONADO (EXPRESS)

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THURSDAY

National Christmas Tree Lighting:

President Bush lights the big one for the last time. The Ellipse, I600 Constitution Ave NW: 5 nm free: 202-208-1631 (Federal Triangle)

Toby Lightman: A singer-songwriter with something to offer. lota, 2832 Wilson Blvd., Arlington; 9 p.m., \$12; 703-522-8340. (Clarendon)

NPR's Jazz Piano Christmas: Pianists perform holiday music. Kennedy Center, 2700 F St. NW; 7:30 & 9:30 p.m., \$35; 202-467-4600. (Foggy Bottom)

FRIDAY

Nada Surf: Solid songwriters share a bill with Delta Spirit and Jealous Girlfriends. 9:30 Club, 815 V St. NW; 8 p.m., \$20; 202-265-0930. (U St.-Cardozo)

Hayes Carll: A very Texan singer-songwriter. The Rock and Roll Hotel, I353 H St. NE; 9:30 p.m., \$12-\$14; 202-388-

The U.S. Air Force Band: Holiday favorites with the Singing Sergeants. Constitution Hall, 1776 D St. NW: through Sun., various times, free, tickets required: 202-767-4310. (Farragut West)

SATURDAY

Loretta Lynn: An icon of classic country. 9:30 Club. 815 V St. NW: 6 p.m., \$55: 202-265-0930. (U.St.-Cardozo)

Grace Potter & the Nocturnals: A powerful lead singer with a jammin' backing band. 9:30 Club, 8I5 V St. NW; 10 p.m., \$20; 202-265-0930. (U St.-Cardozo)

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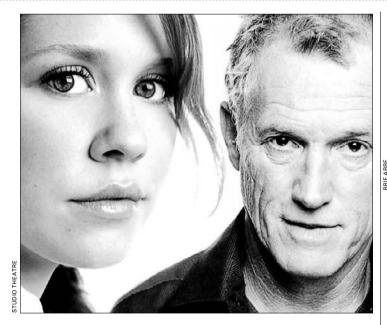
The former director of the CIA's tech office. Robert Wallace, has written a book about

the tools spies use to do their jobs, the gadgets and techniques they depend on from day to day. It's definitely cool to read about spy secrets, but aren't

these things secret for a reason? Have we just given up all our intelligencegathering secrets so some guy could get a book deal?

You can go ask him and hear him speak (along with his co-author, intelligence historian Keith Melton) at the National Archives this afternoon. Maybe you'll decide it was worth the potential intelligence breach. F.Z.

→ National Archives, Constitution Avenue and 7th Street: noon, free: 202-357-5000. (Archives-Navy Memorial)



Shock and Awe

Movies and plays that promise to cover taboo topics often win audiences purely on shock value. But very few plays are as well-written or well-constructed as David Harrower's "Blackbird," next up at the Studio Theatre. The play's two characters have a terrible secret, but we won't reveal it here. That would be cheating. Suffice it to say that this play takes something that could be merely salacious and makes it wrenching. F.Z.

→ Studio Theatre, 1501 14th St. NW; through Dec. 21, \$41-\$61; 202-

332-3300. (Dupont Circle)

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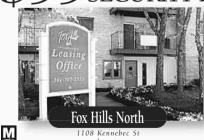
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STILL GETTING TOSSED
AROUND: Nerf footballs are among the "retro" toys that may be popular gifts this holiday season.

Gifts

Companies revive tried-and-true toys from past generations

Counting dollars this holiday season, Tom De Santes wants to avoid buying high-priced techno gadgets as gifts for his two sons.

Instead, he is going to buy the boys, ages 6 and 7, a classic from his own childhood: Lincoln Logs.

"I loved them as a kid and used to build huge log cabins," remembers De Santes, 38, who lives outside Boston in Scituate, Mass., and is a marketing director for an education software company. With Lincoln Logs, "I like that my boys and I can create something together."

Without a "must-have" toy fad this holiday season, and with parents facing a deteriorating economy, tried-and-true toys are being embraced by parents and toy makers alike — what one analyst calls a "back to the toy box" approach.

Parents
remember
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and want that same
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children."

KEN MOE, BACKTOBASICSTOYS.COM

"Retro' or 'nostalgia' toys can be viewed as the 'comfort food' of the toy industry, and I do think folks naturally gravitate to what made them happy when they were young, or what is familiar to them," said Anita Frazier, a toy analyst at NPD Group, a market research firm.

Ken Moe, general manager of Backtobasicstoys.com — a Web site owned by Scholastic Corp. that sells classic toys like "Rock 'Em, Sock 'Em



MORE THAN
MEETS THE EYE:
Transformers figures—
based on the 1980s TV
show that was remade
into a 2007 film — are
back on toy shelves.

Comfort Toys

Robots," Slinky and Colorforms — said sales this season indicate a rising interest in old favorites.

Though most sales will occur over the next few weeks, Moe said Junior Tinkertoys, Lincoln Logs and toy instruments have been among the big sellers in the past few months.

"It's instinctive in tough times to reach back to a happier, simpler time," he said. "Parents remember how much they loved those toys and want that same happiness for their children."

Lauren Horsley, who has 5- and 1-year-old boys and a 3-year-old girl, plans to buy Tinkertoys, a Cabbage Patch Kid and classic board games Sorry! and Hungry Hungry Hippos this holiday season. The 29-year-old from Salt Lake City said she finds value in the toys' quality and universal appeal.

"We just bought our first house this fall, and with the economy so unstable, we need to be as conservative as possible to ensure that we pay our bills," she said. "A lot of pricey, faddish toys aren't going to do our children much good if we don't keep a roof over their heads."

Parents aren't the only ones looking again at classic toys. Toy makers are also turning to the old standbys as they face steep prices for commodities like resin used to make many toys and tough competition from electronic gadgets.

Holiday toy sales are often spurred by hit toys, with popularity driving shortages, creating more demand — as with the "Tickle Me Elmo" craze of 1996 and the Nintendo Wii, which has run into shortages since it was introduced in 2006.

This year, however, "not much is selling at all," says BMO Capital Markets analyst Gerrick Johnson. While he believes shopping will pick up as the holidays get closer, he expects total sales to be down about 2 percent this year.

Classic toys could fill the gap left by a lack of a "must have" toy, as toy

> makers stick to past hits and avoid taking risks, what Needham & Co. analyst Sean McGowan calls going "back to the toy box."

"Partly, it's because they know 'this thing works,'" he says. MAE ANDERSON (AP)



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Holiday Bombs

The Dan Band got its start at the Viper Room, the same place comedy groups Tenacious D and the Naked Trucker began. The parody band plays at the 9:30 Club on Wednesday, and frontman Dan Finnerty spoke to Rudi Greenberg about the perils of being funny in terrorism times. | COMING UP





VIDEO GAMES

Dutiful Update

Last year, the first-person shooter franchise "Call of Duty" was revitalized with the awesome "Call of Duty 4: Modern Warfare." But the series returns to World War II with "Call of Duty: World at War," and Micah Pearson lets us know whether traveling back in time was for the best. | соміна ир

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was there on a tour a few weeks ago, and it is amazing! The museum is wonderful, the movie is nice, the theater is nice, and the security area is better than at most airports."

COMMENTER AU POLI SCI GUY, RESPONDING TO TUESDAY'S POLL CENTER QUESTION. "DO YOU THINK THE CAPITOL VISITOR CENTER WILL BE WORTH ITS \$621 MILLION PRICE TAG?



by the Republican-dominated Congress and Senate in September 1999 and broke ground in June 2000."

COMMENTER WTF, WHO ADDED, "SO, THIS LIT-TLE BIT OF PORK WAS BROUGHT TO YOU BY .. TA-DA, THE REPUBLICANS.



this monstrosity is directly under our Capitol and has to deal with the security aftereffects of Sept. 11."

COMMENTER WAS BUF., NOW WAS., WHO ADDED, "WE ARE LUCKY THEY'RE EVEN LET-TING US GO BACK IN AS TOURISTS - AND FOR FREE, TOO!"



"Having children is wonderful, but it does mean giving up on certain luxuries. Like going out — ever."

WHERESMYCAPE.COM DOESN'T GET MUCH TIME TO GO OUT WITH HER HUSBAND, ADDING, "THE RARE TIMES [WE DO] GET OUT OF THE HOUSE, [WE] STUFF OUR PIEHOLES SOMEWHERE, BECAUSE GIVEN THE OPTION OF EATING OR DOING ANYTHING ELSE. WE USUALLY PICK EATING."



"Rumor is that David Gregory will be named the next host of 'Meet the Press.' In my opinion, that would be a mistake."

THINKINGFOOL.COM WOULD PREFER TO SEE TED KOPPEL FILL THE LATE TIM RUSSERT'S SEAT ON THE NBC SHOW, ADDING, "HERE'S ONE VOTE FOR THE GENTLEMAN WITH THE FUNNY-LOOKING HAIR!



"Admit it — I don't care who you are

 you like Britney Spears. Even if you detest some of, if not all of her music ... or her actions ... at some level, you still like her. She publicly redefined the psychotic break."

SURWAYSTATE.COM MIGHT BE A BIT DELUI-SIONAL AROUT THE POPUL ARITY OF THE POP STAR WHOSE BIRTHDAY WAS THESDAY

"IN MY OWN BACKYARD, the

acorns have been quite abundant this fall, though smaller in size than the past few years. I've had so many that I had to go down to the hardware store and buy a new street-worthy broom to sweep them all up."

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Discussions

Digital Television

PHILLIP SWANN of TVPredictions. com was online Tuesday to answer questions about digital television and provide advice for purchasing new TVs for the holidays and beyond.

OK, I have purchased a new digital TV. I do not have cable. I am using my antenna; not all channels are high definition, but the picture is acceptable. Now, am I ready for the switch in February? Or will I have to break down and purchase cable?

You're fine — the Digital TV will capture the signals.

How do you think the DTV rollover will go? Will there be enough converters?

I think it will be a mess — at least for a month or so after the transition. Many consumers don't have a clue how to prepare for the transition. Until their picture goes dark, they won't do a thing.

It seems like Cyber Monday was a bust when it came to Blu-ray player deals. Do you think players like the Sony 350 or the Panny 35 will be less than \$150 before Christmas?

You will probably see a Sony or Panasonic Blu-ray player at that price online or in some stores by Xmas. Keep your eyes open.

I guess this is un-American to admit, but I don't watch TV (no reception, and too cheap to spring for cable). Any recommendations for a flatpanel that will be used primarily for watching DVDs? Is there a big difference in picture quality for that kind of use?

OK, you just want to watch DVDs? Get an HDTV 50 inches or larger and buy a Blu-ray player. You'll think you're sitting in a movie theater minus the screaming teens and that guy who always sits behind you and comments on why the director should have cut that scene or cast someone else in the picture (you know the guy).

What are your thoughts on LCD versus plasma TV sets?

LCD sets normally look better in well-lit rooms, while plasma sets look better in dark rooms. So, if you're shopping for a flat-panel set and can't decide whether to buy an LCD or a plasma HDTV, keep that in mind.

TODAY ON DISCUSSIONS:

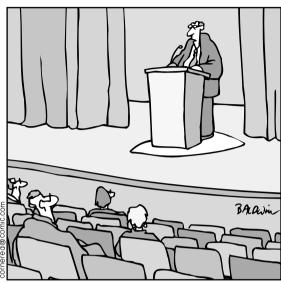
The experts of The Washington Post's Food section discuss all things culinary at I p.m. This week; holiday gifts from the kitchen washingtonpost.com/discussions.

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Bizarro | Dan Piraro

Who'd you vote for ?! Who'd you vote for?! Who'd you ... wirk)-;-UNRELIABLE EXIT POLL

Cornered | Mike Baldwin



"Today is the first day of the rest of your life. You can only hope the second day of the rest of your life is a lot more fun.'

Pooch Cafe | Paul Gilligan

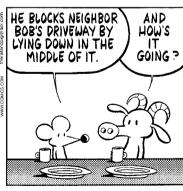


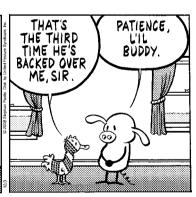




Pearls Before Swine | Stephan Pastis







The Duplex | Glenn McCoy







Horoscope

By Stella Wilder

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) You have a plan, and someone close to you is willing to help you carry it out. The results may prove quite profitable to all concerned.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) You won't be able to predict certain circumstances that will affect you quite seriously. Be on your quard; adapt quickly.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) Your own versatility will be on display. There will come a time, however, when you must give credit to someone else.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) Give your career the once-over; you may discover that you've been ignoring an important aspect of your own personality.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Others will try to persuade you to abandon a losing proposition, but you'll want to hang on till the bitter end.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Someone who has played a meaningful role in your daily affairs may suddenly vanish from the scene — but only temporarily.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) What was lost can surely be found, but you must admit that you were not as careful as you might have been. It's time to toe the line.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) You may be enjoying some time off right now, but that is no reason for you to avoid a few key decisions that can make a big difference.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Some developments may take you by surprise, but you can remain in control if you keep your emotions in check. Avoid kneeierk reactions

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Put your faith in your own abilities, and look toward the future. Dwelling on the past will only hold you back at this time.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) Someone you know well may behave in a manner that has you wondering what's really going on. You can profit from many such sur-

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) Take the time to explore your environment as completely and as carefully as you can. You may stumble upon a new way of getting something done.

Letters

Quit Griping About Metro

METRO RIDERS, for people in a capital city, you are crybabies! "The Metro's too hot!" "The Metro's too cold!" "Woe is me; I don't get enough time to board the train." Are these the biggest problems in your lives? Every time I read the letters in Express, I can't stop rolling my eyes. Grow up! Why not start complimenting people on the Metro? Why not use this section's power for good? Who has made your day by a small gesture or a kind word? I realize Metro has problems; I ride it every day. But let's try to be a little more mature.

> -MATTHEW EIDE Baltimore, Md.

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Today in History

1967 Surgeons in Cape Town, South Africa, led by Dr. Christiaan Barnard perform the first human heart transplant on Louis Washkansky who lived 18 days with the new heart.

Eleven people are killed in a crush of fans at Cincinnati's Riverfront Coliseum, where the British rock group the Who was performing.

Thousands of people die 1984 I nousands of people die after a cloud of methyl isocyanate gas escapes from a pesticide plant operated by a Union Carbide subsidiary in Bhopal, India.



Gibbons went home on this day in 2007.

British teacher Gillian 2007 Gibbons, jailed in Sudan for insulting Islam after allowing her students to name a teddy bear Muhammad, flies home after being pardoned by the country's president.





People



"Mr. Obama might be a big deal, but me and the WWE are bigger deals, y'all."

VINDICATION

McCain: 'Aha! I Told You **Obama Was Just a Celebrity'**

BRITNEY SPEARS was the most popular search term on Yahoo for the fourth year in a row. Spears bested World Wrestling Entertainment, Barack Obama, Miley Cyrus and the online game "RuneScape" as the five mostsearched terms of 2008. (AP)

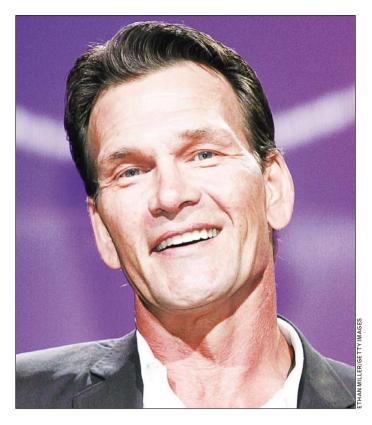
MEMORIES

He's Hoping for Another **Question About World Maps**



MARIO LOPEZ is in negotiations to once again host the Miss America Pageant. TLC said Monday that the 35-year-old

"Extra" host is in negotiations to serve as the MC for the Jan. 24 ceremony in Las Vegas. (AP)



REBUTTAL

Alive and Seething

PATRICK SWAYZE is angry about tabloid reports that say he doesn't have long to live. The actor, who was diagnosed with pancreatic cancer earlier this year, said Tuesday: "They're reporting that I'm on my last legs and saying goodbye to my tearful family! ... It's upsetting that shoddy reporting can cast a negative shadow on the positive and good fight I'm fighting." (AP)

CHOICES

Walters Includes Irrelevant **Crushes**

There aren't many surprises on this year's list of "The 10 Most Fascinating People." Maybe for this 16th annual edition, host Barbara Walters has rounded up the logical choices. For instance, Olympic super-swimmer Michael Will Smith and Tom Cruise? Come on, Babs.

Phelps. Or the country's most famous hockey mom, Alaska Gov. Sarah Palin, Or what about Will Smith and Tom

Cruise? "This was almost the easiest year, because we had so many naturals," says Walters. The special airs Thursday at 10 p.m. on ABC. (AP)

DISAPPOINTMENT

Stalker Was Hoping Dunst **Would Perform the Arrest**

KIRSTEN DUNST doesn't need Spider-Man — she has an assistant, Dunst's assistant performed a citizen's arrest on a man who bypassed security and showed up at the actress' home in November. Dunst was not



home at the time. Dunst sought a restraining order against Christopher Smith after his arrest. State police have found

Smith at Dunst's home several times in recent weeks. (AP)

WHINE

Please, Brad, No One Can **Remember Your Kids' Names**

BRAD PITT has some words for the paparazzi. In a "Today" show interview, Pitt said: "I hate these people. I don't understand ... that they do that for a living." Pitt said there should be laws against photographers who "climb over your walls ... calling out your kids' names." (AP)



Paxil? Is one of the kids named Paxil?

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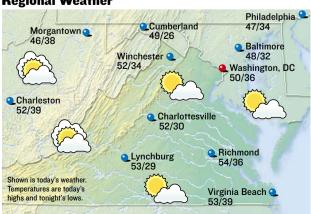


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Normal month to date	0.20"
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Normal year to date	36.61"

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Regional Forecast

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Sun and Moon

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Moonrise today	II:24 a.m.
Moonset today	10:08 p.m.

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Boston	48/36/s		Athens	68/61/c	66/54/pc				
Chicago	36/20/sn	26/I4/c	Berlin	36/30/sn	37/32/c				
Dallas	64/38/pc	54/33/s	Buenos Aires	72/57/s	75/61/s				
Denver	34/I3/c	28/I5/sn	Calgary	16/2/sf	23/I4/pc				
Honolulu	82/69/s	83/7I/s	Dublin	45/39/pc	45/4I/sh				
Los Angeles	72/52/pc	68/52/pc	Geneva	37/34/sh	41/38/r				
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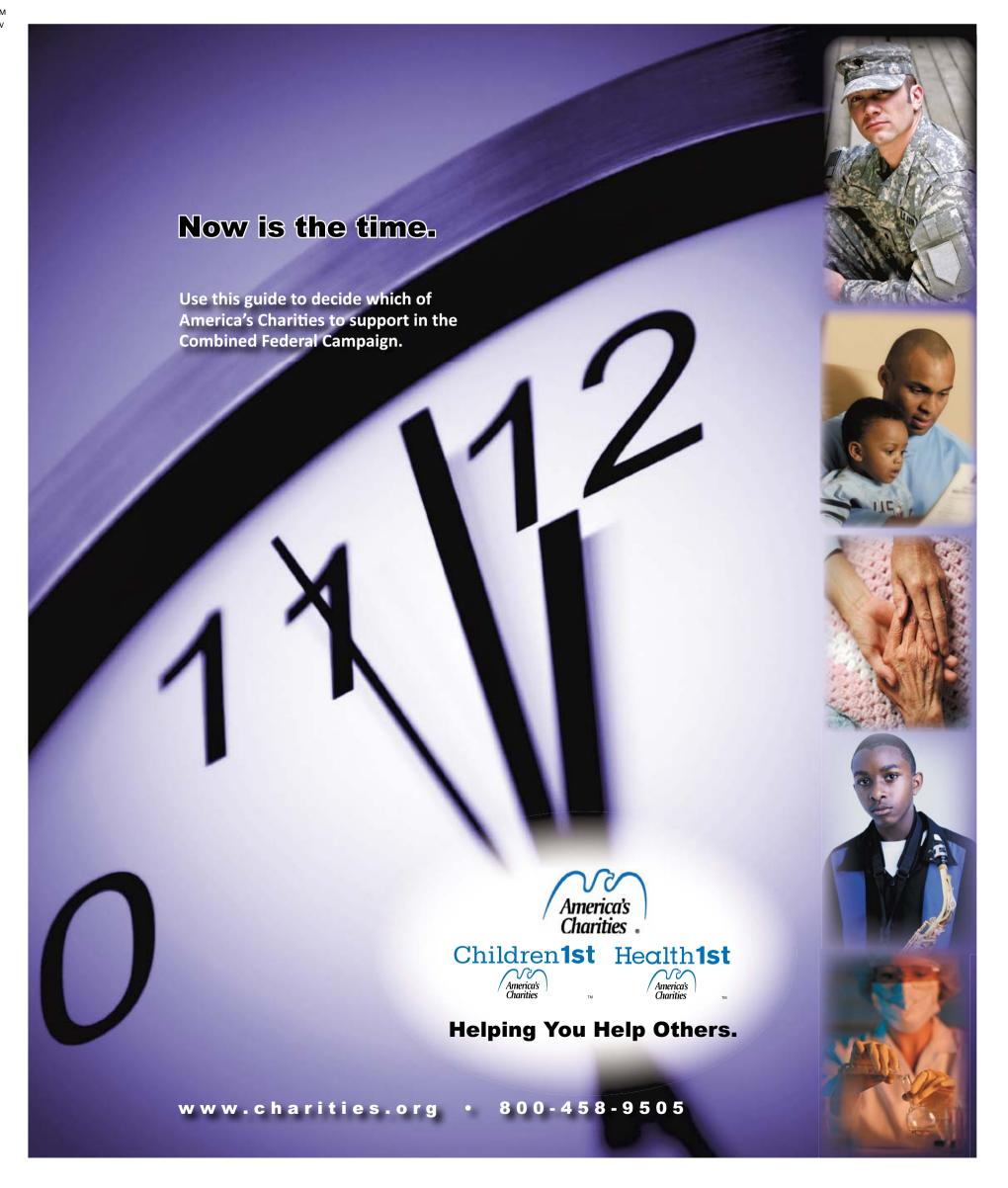
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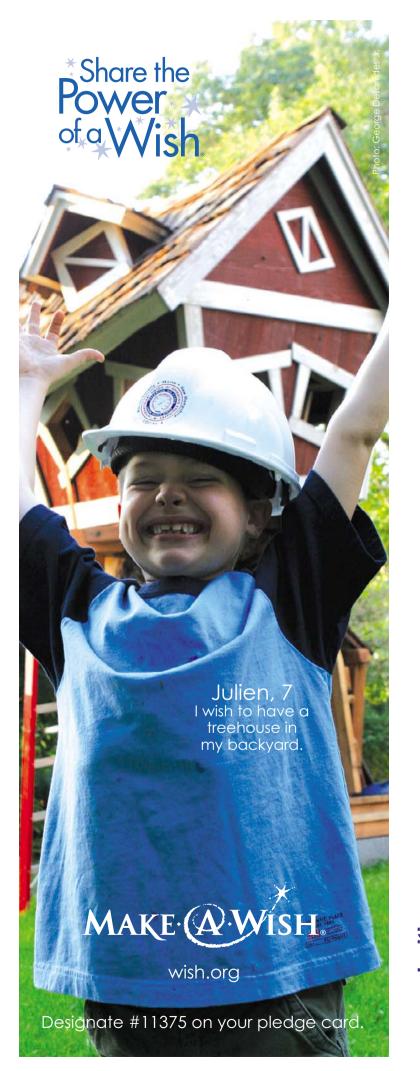


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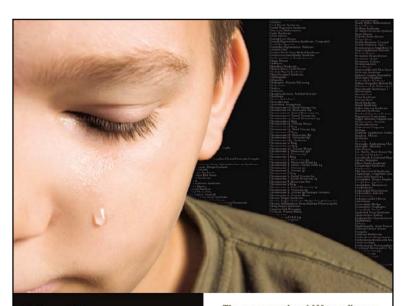


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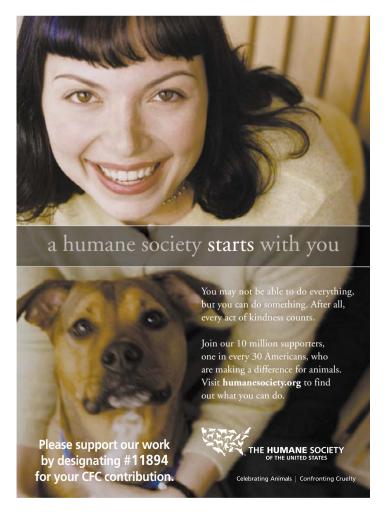
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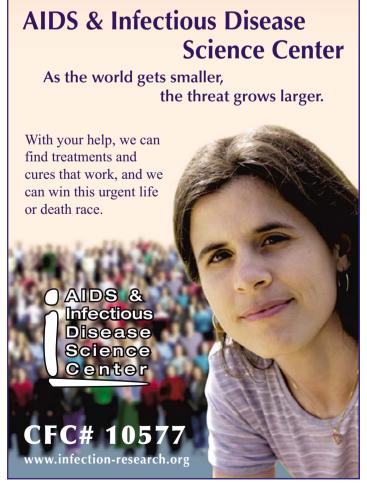
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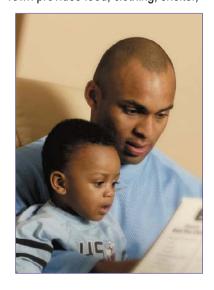


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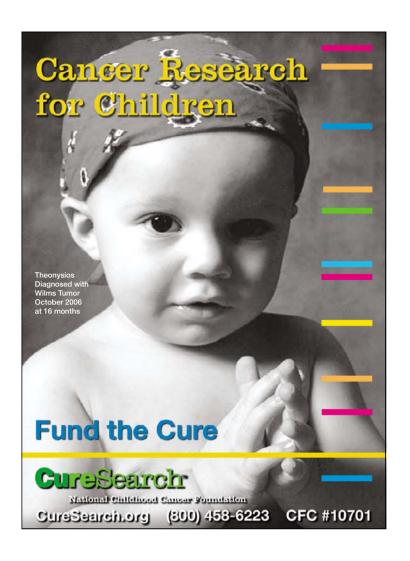
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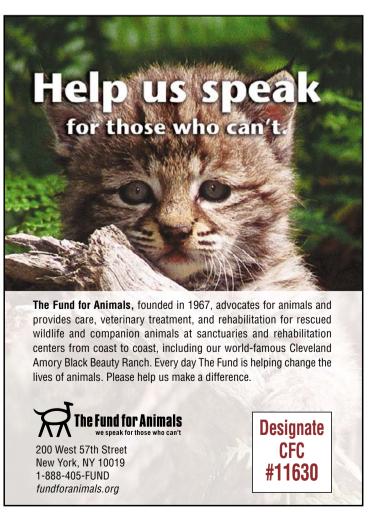
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Give Kids The World is a non-profit organization that exists only to fulfill the wishes of all children with lifethreatening illnesses to experience a memorable, cost free visit to Central Florida's attractions and enjoy the magic of Give Kids The World Village for as long as there is a need. 59-3327385

10704 The Hole In The Wall Gang Fund www.holeinthewallgang.org (203) 772-0522 Founded by Paul Newman in 1988, is a residential summer camp and year-round center serving children coping with cancer and other life-threatening illnesses. We serve more than 5,000 children annually. Our Outreach program supports seriously ill children in hospitals. All programs are offered free of charge. 06-1157655

11312 "I Have a Dream" Foundation www.ihad.org (212) 293-5480 We empower children in low-income communities to achieve higher education by providing tuition support for college and a long-term program of academic and social services. Local "I Have a Dream" programs sponsor entire grade levels of students, working with these "Dreamers" from an early age all the way to college. 13-3355315





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www.charities.org

12008 Junior Achievement

www.ja.org (719) 540-8000 JA Worldwide is the largest organization dedicated to educating young people about business. economics, and entrepreneurship. Through dedicated volunteers, JA Worldwide provides in-school and after-school programs for students in grades K-12, offering educational programs in seven key content areas: business, citizenship, economics, entrepreneurship, ethics/character, financial literacy, and career development, 84-1267604

11375 Make-A-Wish Foundation® of

America www.wish.org (800) 722-9474 The mission of the Make-A-Wish Foundation® is to grant the wishes of children with life-threatening medical conditions to enrich the human experience with hope, strength, and joy. With the help of generous donors and nearly 25,000 volunteers, the Make-A-Wish Foundation® has granted more than 141.000 wishes in the U.S. since inception. 86-0481941

11574 National Black Child **Development Institute**

www.nbcdi.org (800) 556-2234 Over 38 years NBCDI has worked to ensure parents, educators and others who care; nurture the natural curiosity, excitement and genius in children. Through a focus on early childhood education and child welfare a national network of affiliates and partners provide -- direct care, enrichment programs and public policy work improving the lives of Black and other emergent majority children, families and communities. 52-0908178

11575 Prevent Child Abuse America

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10948 Reading Is Fundamental, Inc. (RIF) www.rif.org (888) 725-4801 RIF works for literacy where it begins with children and their families.

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11277 Ronald McDonald House

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11158 Share Our Strength

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11305 Starlight Starbright Children's Foundation www.starlight.org

(800) 315-2580 Helping seriously ill children and their families cope with their pain, fear and isolation through entertainment, education and family activities. Our array of in-hospital, outpatient and Web-based programs touch more than 180,000 U.S. children and families each month. 95-3802159

10950 Teach For America

www.teachforamerica.org (800) 832-1230 We are the national corps of recent college graduates of all academic majors who commit two years to teach in public schools and become lifelong leaders in expanding educational opportunity. Our mission is to build the movement to eliminate educational inequity by enlisting some of our nation's most promising future leaders in the effort. 13-3541913

11299 Tiger Woods Foundation, Inc. www.tigerwoodsfoundation.org

(888) TWF-KIDZ Our mission is to empower young people to reach their highest potential by initiating and supporting community-based programs that promote the health, education and welfare of all of America's children. 06-1468499



10224 America's Charities

www.charities.org (800) 458-9505 America's Charities works to develop the spirit of giving at the workplace by offering a broad range of charities reflecting the diversity of the American people and providing efficient, low-cost workplace charitable giving campaigns. Our goal is providing member charities with the financial resources required to meet emerging needs. 54-1517707

10360 100 Black Men of America

www.100blackmen.org (800) 598-3411 Our organization seeks to serve as a beacon of leadership by utilizing our diverse talents to create mentoring environments where our children are motivated to achieve, and to empower people to become self-sufficient shareholders in the economic and social fabric of the communities we serve. 58-1974429

10361 American Campaign for Prevention of Child Abuse and Family Violence www.nccafv.org

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11889 American Center for Law and **Justice** www.aclj.org (800) 296-4529 Specializing in constitutional law, the ACLJ is dedicated to the concept that freedom and democracy are Godgiven inalienable rights that must be protected. The organization defends religious liberties, human life and the family in cases all across the country. Legal services are provided at no charge. 54-1586817

11890 American Civil Liberties Union Foundation www.aclu.org

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11627 America's Second Harvest - The Nation's Food Bank Network

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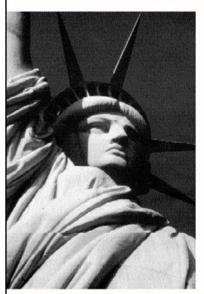
10363 Amnesty International of the

USA www.amnestyusa.org (800) AMNESTY Worldwide grassroots human rights organization -- impartial and non-political -- which researches and reports on human rights violations around the globe, publicizing its findings through the media and other sources. Amnesty International's 2.2 million members campaign to protect and promote the human rights of people everywhere. 52-0851555

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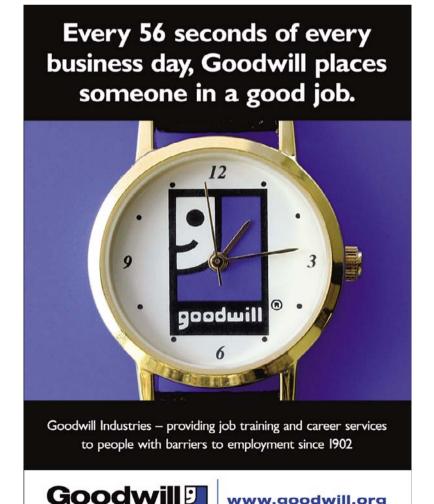
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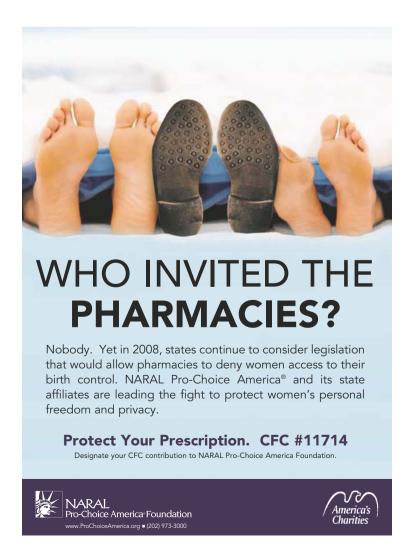
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11102 Christian Appalachian Project

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10358 Consumers Union of United States, Inc. www.consumersunion.org (914) 378-2000 For 70 years, this nonprofit has educated adults and children to ensure a safe and fair marketplace. Its test of products and services, buying advice, and research are published in Consumer Reports and other publications. It represents consumer viewpoints before government. It is independent, with no commercial support or influence. 13-1776434

11629 Diabetes Research and Wellness Foundation

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10359 Dress for Success Worldwide

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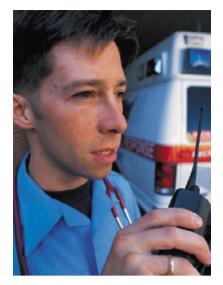
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11893 Human Rights Campaign Foundation www.hrc.org (800) 777-4723 Works to conduct public policy research and further public education on the social. economic and health issues affecting lesbians and gay men, and to further its vision of an America where lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender Americans are ensured of their basic equal rights. 52-1481896

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11073 LULAC National Educational Service Centers www.lnesc.org (202) 835-9646 Since 1973, LNESC has made a significant impact in Hispanic educational attainment. Through an array of exceptional educational and leadership development programs, LNESC has contributed to the academic success of nearly 500,000 promising but disadvantaged Hispanic students and has provided 15 million dollars to over 25,000 minority scholars. 23-7262876



10540 Meals On Wheels Association of America www.mowaa.org (703) 548-5558 MOWAA provides funding to local senior nutrition programs across the country for the delivery of meals and other nutrition services to frail home-bound senior citizens. These services help enable older individuals to avoid premature institutionalization and to preserve their independence and dignity by allowing them to stay in their homes. 23-7447812

10354 Mothers Against Drunk **Driving** www.madd.org (800) 438-6233 Provides national and local programs to educate the public about the dangers and consequences of drunk driving and underage drinking, advocates for strong legislation and enforcement to prevent impaired driving and provide assistance to victims of alcohol-related crashes. 94-2707273

11104 NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund www.naacpldf.org (800) 221-7822 Fights for equality and access to education, employment, health care, housing, environmental justice, voting rights, and criminal justice. Also monitors laws and helps to shape government policies, educates the public about civil rights issues, and provides scholarships to promising African American undergraduates and law students. 13-1655255

10355 NAACP Special Contribution Fund www.naacp.org (877) 622-2798 Through its 2,200 units nationwide, programs are focused on the protection and advancement of civil rights by

eliminating clear disparities between

communities within areas of youth services, criminal justice, education, employment, emergency relief, health advocacy, housing, legal assistance. 13-1998814

11631 National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund

www.nleomf.com (202) 737-3400 To generate increased public support for the law enforcement profession by permanently recording and appropriately commemorating the service and sacrifice of law enforcement officers: and to provide information that will help promote law enforcement safety. 52-1382926

11287 National Trust for Historic **Preservation in the United States**

www.nationaltrust.org (800) 944-NTHP Your support will help provide leadership, education, and advocacy to save America's diverse historic places and revitalize communities for the future. The Washington, DC headquarters staff, six regional offices and 28 historic sites work with members and thousands

of local community groups in all 50 states. 53-0210807

10350 Native American Rights Fund www.narf.org (800) 447-0784 NARF's practice is concentrated in five key areas: the preservation of tribal existence; the protection of tribal natural resources; the promotion of Native American human rights; the accountability of governments to Native

Americans: and the development of Indian law and educating the public about Indian rights, laws and issues. 84-0611876

11105 Orphan Foundation of

America www.orphan.org (800) 950-4673 At age 18 most orphans are completely on their own, they "age out" of Foster Care, OFA provides moral and financial support to parentless teens who pursue college or vocational training. OFA's programs are volunteer run; mentoring, leadership training and scholarships help youth without families become successful and independent adults. 52-1238437



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adoption centers. 93-1140967

11634 Point Foundation, The National Gay and Lesbian Scholarship Fund

www.pointfoundation.org (866) 337-6468 Point Foundation seeks the partnership of philanthropic individuals, corporations and foundations to supply financial support, professional guidance and a network of contacts for undergraduate, graduate and post-graduate students who are underprivileged and/or have been socially marginalized – principally by reason of sexual orientation or gender identity. 84-1582086



11632 Population Connection

www.populationconnection.org (800) 767-1956 Overpopulation threatens the quality of life for people everywhere. Population Connection is the national grassroots population organization that educates young

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11895 Puerto Rican Legal Defense and Education Fund

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11635 The Rutherford Institute www.rutherford.org

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and human rights have been threatened or violated. 52-1267484

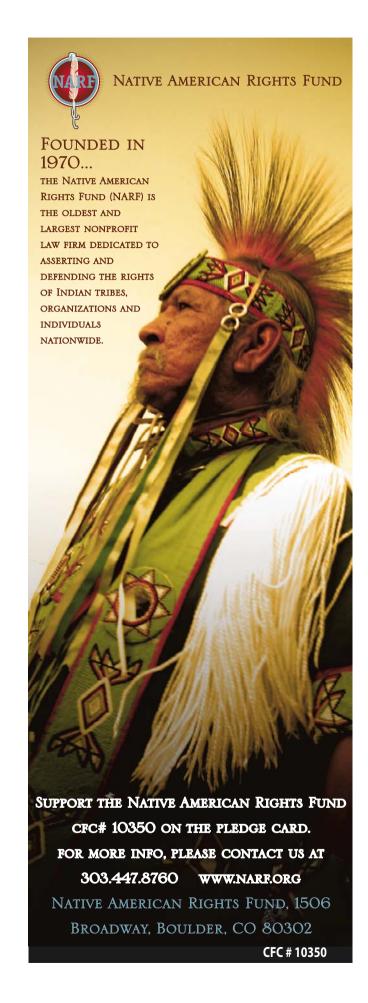
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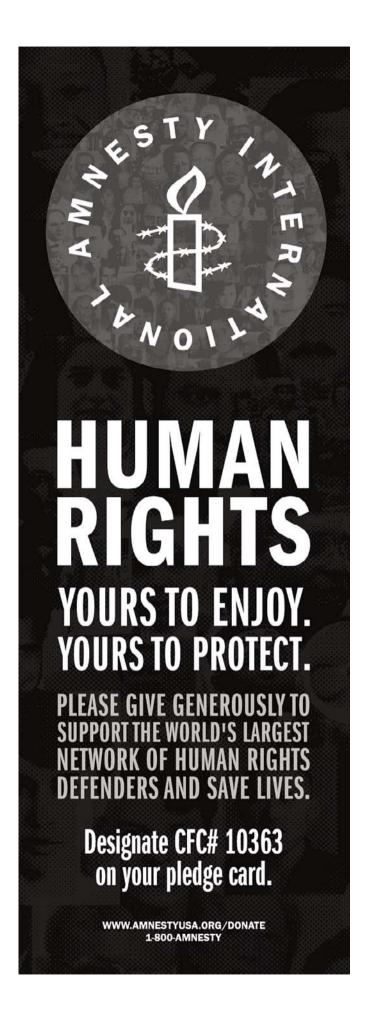
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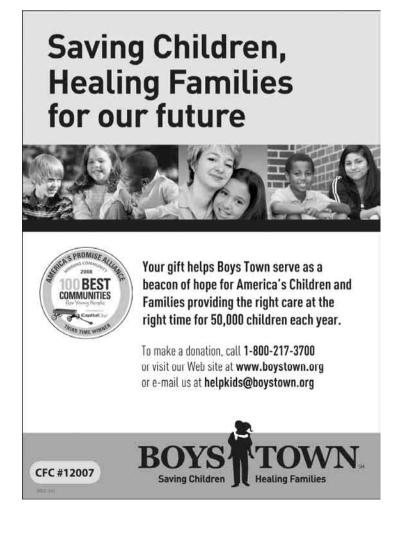
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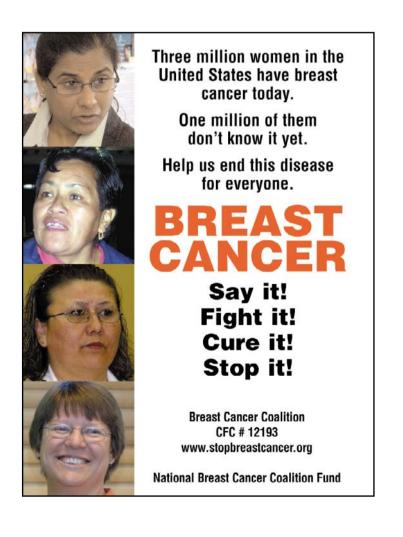
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